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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Criminal Justice was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Heise, Webber, Howrylak, Courser, Lucido, Guerra, Hovey-Wright, Chang.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Webber moved to adopt the May 12, 2015 minutes. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4476, HB 4477, HB 4478, HB 4479, HB 4480, and HB 4481 before the committee:

HB 4476 (Santana)	Civil procedure; other; mediation; limit in certain domestic relations actions.
HB 4477 (Kesto)	Civil procedure; appeals; service of papers; provide for alternate service if party is protected by a protective order.
HB 4478 (Kosowski)	Civil procedure; personal protection orders; acts that may be enjoined; include harming animals owned by petitioner.
HB 4479 (Price)	Crimes; assaultive; assault of a pregnant woman; increase penalties under certain circumstances.
HB 4480 (Heise)	Children; protection; factors determining best interest of child; modify in cases of domestic violence.
HB 4481 (Lyons)	Family law; child custody; custody or parenting time for certain parents of a child conceived through sexual assault or sexual abuse; prohibit under certain circumstances.

Representative Kesto testified in support of his bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kosowski testified in support of his bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Santana testified in support of the entire package. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Price and Representative Lyons testified in support of their bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Heise testified in support of his bill.

Joe Baumann, representing the State Court Administrator's Office, testified with a neutral position on HB 4476 and HB 4477. Questions and discussion followed.

Doug Vanetten, representing the State Court Administrator's Office, came forward to answer further questions.

Randy Velzen, representing the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, testified in support of HB 4478 and HB 4480 and in opposition to HB 4477 and HB 4481. Questions and discussion followed.

Kathy Hagenian, representing the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, testified in support of HB 4476, HB 4477, HB 4480 and HB 4481, in opposition to HB 4479 and no position on HB 4478. Questions and discussion followed.

Kathy Potts, representing the Jackson Right to Life, testified in support of HB 4481.

Ed Rivet, representing the Right to Life of Michigan, testified in support of HB 4479 and HB 4481. Questions and discussion followed.

Alana Kivowitz, representing herself, testified in support of HB 4478.

Allie Phillips, representing the National Link Coalition and Sheltering Animals and Families Together, testified in support of HB 4478.

Beatrice Friedlander, representing the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and Attorneys of Animals, testified in support of HB 4478.

Ann Griffin, representing the Michigan Human Society, testified in support of HB 4478.

Ginny Mikita, representing the Mikita Kruse Law Center, testified in support of HB 4478.

Patrick Clawson, representing the Michigan Process Servers Alliance, testified in opposition to HB 4477.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Allan Wachendorfer, representing the National Association of Social Workers of Michigan.
Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan National Organization of Women, submitted a card in support of HB 4476, HB 4477, HB 4480 and HB 4481, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4478, but did not wish to speak:

Carrie McGowan, representing the Michigan Political Action Committee for Animals.
Alicia Prygoski, representing the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund at Cooley Law School.
Carrie McGowan, representing the Michigan Political Action Committee for Animals.
Phil Arkow, representing the National Link Coalition.
Vicki Deisner, representing the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
Christopher Green, representing the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

Peter Cunningham, representing the State Bar of Michigan, submitted a card in opposition to HB 4476, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Representative Kurt Heise, Chair _____
Angie Lake, Committee Clerk
House Criminal Justice Committee